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## Awesome April!!

What's so awesome about it?  
Well, everyone here at Club Blue is so excited because there are TWO special days taking place in April!! The first one is Earth Day on April 22nd. What is Earth Day you ask? It is a day when



people all over the world come together to help raise awareness and appreciation of the planet's natural environment. People teach others how to reduce waste, pollution and other things that might be harmful to our planet.

The second special day is Arbor Day on April 26th. We all know that trees are very important because they provide many things to us such as shade, the ability to absorb pollutants, as well as provide



homes and shelter to many different animals. On Arbor Day people all around the world are encouraged to plant a tree so that future generations will have plenty of trees to enjoy.

## EARTH DAY CONTEST!!

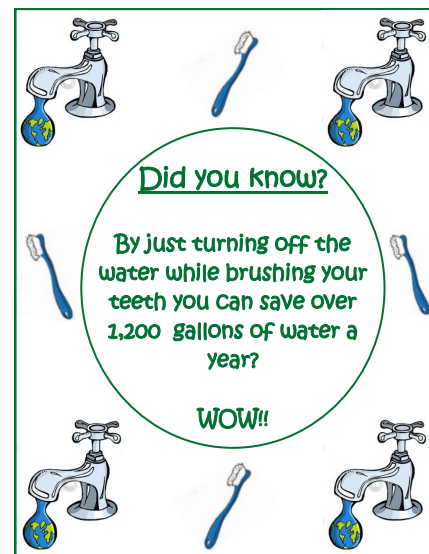
### Show us Your "Act of Green"!

Similar to the phrase, "Act of Kindness" an "Act of Green" is a unique or creative way you help keep Mesa "Green" by reducing, reusing and recycling. Enter to win a visit from a City of Mesa recycling truck AND Charlie our Recycling Chimp! You'll also receive a special gift bag!

**See back page for details!**

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## Ask Charlie

Hi there! Charlie the Recycling Chimp here, and I'm ready to jump in and help answer your recycling questions. Let's see what questions we have today...



Dear Charlie,

How long does it take for an aluminum can to decompose?

Sincerely,  
Stuart

Dear Stuart,

It takes an aluminum can almost 100 years to decompose! Can you believe that?!

But, if you recycle an aluminum can it can be made into a new can in as little as 60 days! That's why it is so important to recycle cans rather than throw them away in the landfill!

Yours in Recycling,

Charlie



Dear Charlie,

I was wondering, are newspapers only recycled into more newspapers?

Sincerely,  
Richie

Dear Richie,

Actually newspapers can be made into cereal boxes, grocery bags and egg cartons to name just a few.

It's amazing what we can recycle and keep out of our landfills and make into new things.

Yours in Recycling,

Charlie



Dear Charlie,

Can plastic bottles be made into something other than just more plastic bottles?

Sincerely,  
Samantha

Dear Samantha,

Absolutely! A recycled soda bottle can be made into T-shirts, combs or hundreds of other plastic goods that can be used for many years!

Pretty cool, right?!

Yours in Recycling,

Charlie



Do you have a question for Charlie?  
You can mail your questions to:

Club Blue  
Solid Waste Management Dept.  
P.O. Box 1466  
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466  
Or e-mail Charlie at:  
[waste.info@mesaaz.gov](mailto:waste.info@mesaaz.gov)





## Club Blue Fun Page

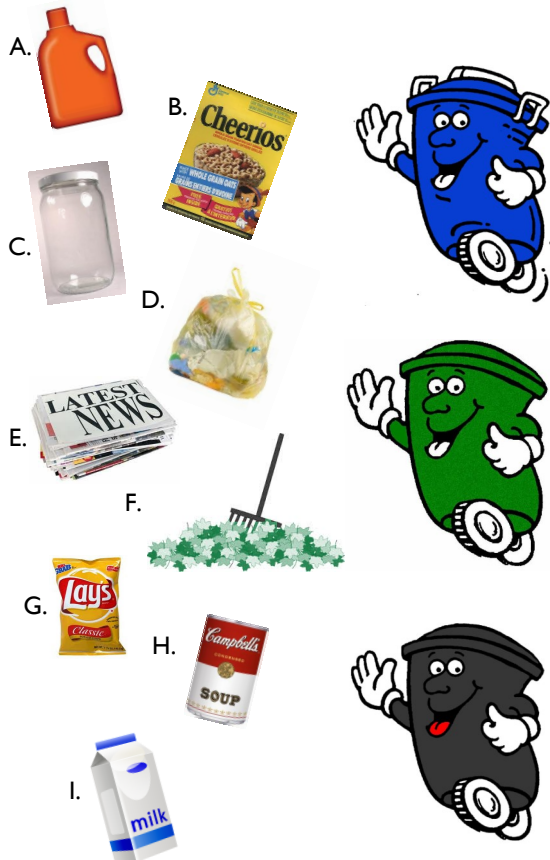


### Connect the Dots



### Match 'em Up!

Draw a line to the barrel that you think each item should go in!



A. Blue Barrel B. Blue Barrel C. Blue Barrel D. Blue Barrel E. Blue Barrel F. Green Barrel G. Black Barrel H. Blue Barrel I. Blue Barrel

Answers:

### Craft Corner



1. Color, paint, and decorate a paper towel roll.
2. Cover one end of the paper towel roll with waxed paper and close it off with a rubber band.
3. Pour a handful or two of dried beans (split peas work well) in the open end.
4. Close the open end like the other end.
5. Now, poke toothpicks through the roll at different intervals to add a "rain shaker" sound.
6. Shake, shake, shake away!!







**Mark your  
calendar!**  
**Don't miss this fun and  
FREE family event!**



Come and see our new  
CNG recycle truck up  
close!!



**Saturday, April 20th**

**3pm - 6pm**

**Pioneer Park -526 E. Main St.**

Games



Carnival Rides



Food Vendors



Entertainment



**Fun!!**

For more information scan the code below with a  
smartphone:



Cut out the coupon below and visit us at the Solid Waste Department's booth to claim  
your Club Blue "Members Only" gift!  
(Look for the blue "Mesa Recycles" tent!)

This coupon is good for one  
"Club Blue - Mesa's Young Recycling Squad"  
"Members Only" gift!  
(One gift per club member)





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Ever wonder where all the stuff you recycle in your blue barrel goes?!

Get answers to all of your questions at our  
Landfill and Recycling Workshop on:



**Saturday, April 20th**

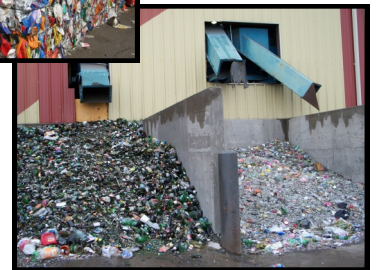
**10 am. - 11 a.m.**

**Salt River Landfill - Gilbert Rd. & Beeline Hwy.**

For more information parents can visit: [mesarecycles.org](http://mesarecycles.org)

or scan the code below with a smartphone!

**\*\*Seating is limited, advance registration required\*\***



Do your parents have old TVs, computers or cell phones collecting dust?

Maybe some old paint or motor oil?

Did you know that these items shouldn't go to the landfill because they can be harmful to the environment? Yikes! So don't throw them away... tell your parents to bring these items (and many others) to our Household Hazardous Waste event on:



**Saturday, April 20th**

**8 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Center Street Facility - 2412 N. Center St.**

For more information parents can visit: [mesarecycles.org](http://mesarecycles.org)

or scan the code below with a smartphone!



**Mesa kids like you "DID" make a difference!**



Kids from over 20 Mesa elementary schools competed to see who could collect the most cardboard tubes to be used for a special community art project. Believe it or not...they collected more than **40,000** tubes!! Lincoln Elementary was the winning school by collecting more than 9,000 cores and one of their kindergarten classes was the top classroom by collecting nearly **1,600** cores!

***Are you making a difference?***



**kids  
make a  
difference!**





## Acts of Green

In honor of Earth Day we would like everyone to show us their most unique or creative "Act of Green" (your best reduce, reuse or recycle practices).

The most creative or unique entry will win a special prize package that includes a visit from a City of Mesa recycle truck, Charlie the Chimp and a special gift bag.

Send us a picture or e-mail with your entry by Friday, April 26, 2013.

Winner will be announced on May 1, 2013.

### **Mail to:**

Club Blue  
Solid Waste Management Dept.  
P.O. Box 1466  
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466



**Or e-mail to:** [waste.info@mesaaz.gov](mailto:waste.info@mesaaz.gov)

**REMEMBER!!**

**Be sure to get your parent's permission first!!**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit/Apt. #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State :** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your unique or creative "Act of Green?"**

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\*Submission of photos authorizes the City of Mesa the right to use photos in upcoming Club Blue Newsletters. Sorry, but photos are not able to be returned.